THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) (a) The notified pice of bulk drug Analgin has since been revised upwards which is more than the pre reduced notified price.

(b) Government do not monitor sale prices of bulk drugs.

(c) to (e) While fixing the prices of ceiling packs of formulations, the notified price of the bulk drug is taken into ac count. In the case of ceiling packs of for mulations based on bulk drug Analgin, the same criterion has been adopted.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Case of M/s. Hoechst

3047. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1629 given in Rajya Sabha on 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the Salient features of Bombay High Court Judgement in the case of Mls. Hoechst;

(b) whether court has piven any sche dule time;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government did not stick to schedule time;

(e) if so. the reasons therefore;

(f) whether it is a fact that the order of High Court favours the company;

(g) what is the reaction of Govern ment thereto; and

(h) what is the stage at which the matter stands now and by when final orders would be issued to the company in the matter of recovery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN); (a) to (g) A copy of the Bombay High Court's Order is enclosed in the Statement *(See* below).

(h) The process of collection of data and its examination has already started and will be completed as soon as possible.

Statement

High Court

O.O.C.J.

Writ Petition No. 2629 of 1990

Hoechst (India) Limited *&* Anr

Petitioners

V/s

Union of India & Others.

Respondents

Corum; Pendse & Jhunjhunwala JJ

Date: 8th March, 1991

MINUTES OF THE ORDER

1. Chamber Summons allowed. Petition to be amended accordingly. Amendments to be carried out within two weeks, thereof.

2. The Notices mentioned in prayer clause (a) (iv) as amended will be treated by the parties as Show Cause Notices and the Petiioners shall reply to the same giving particulars called for and with liberty to them to raise all contentions including those raised in the Petition within a period of eight weeks.

3. At the request of the Petitioners the Government will furnish particulars consistent with the judgement of the Supreme Court in Cyanamid's case within a period of four weeks from the date on which the Petitioners file their replies referred to in Clause 2.

4. The Respondents will dispose of the matter and tentatively determine the liability, if any, due from the Petitioners, within eight weeks thereafer.

5. Thereafter, the Government shall hear the Petitioners within four weeks of the above and pass speaking orders, which orders if adverse to the Petitioners shall not be enforced against the Petitioners for a period of eight weeks to enable the Petitioners to adopt such proceedings as they may be entitled to in law and with liberty to them to raise all contentions in-cluding those raised in the Petition.

6. In view of the above, Petition is allowed to be withdrawn.

7. Liberty to apply.

Check on price rise

3048. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's atteniion has been drawn to the Editorial which appeared in *Hindustan Times,* 4th November 1991 under the heading "Check the Price Rise";

(b) whether it is a fact that Govren-ment have stringent check on price increases;

(c) whether it is also a fact that wholesale price index does not reflect correct picture, as 70 per cent of drugs in basket are obsolete;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to revise the basket;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the Drug Manufacturers are openly flouting the provisions of Price Control Order;

(f) what are the details of instances that came to the notice of Government;

(g) whether Government have made any investigation or study about the nexus between the official of Government and producers; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MO-HAN). fa) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Currently operated Wholesale Price Index (WPI) series with base year 1981-82 was complied on the basis of the recommendations made by. a Special Group set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangrajan, the then Dy. Governor of Reserve Bank of Tndia. Preparatory work for review Of existing W.P.I, series has been initiated by the Ministry of Industry.

(e) and (f) As per reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2087 answered on 12.12.1991.

(g) and (h) Nothing warranting such an action has come to the notice of the Government.

Allegations against former Development Commissioner

3049. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1628 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the details of various alle gations against the former Development Commissioner (PI) which have either not been processed or kept by the present Development Commissioner unprocessed with him;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted the information made available by the former Development Commissioner without subjecting the same to impartial enquiry;

(c) what are the details of VIP references which are pending reply and in how many cases it was decided not to give reply during the last three years; and

(d) what are the details of assets ac quisition, disposal and business transac tions with full details as communicated by the former Development Commissioner (PI) to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN); (a) and (b) There have been some complaints against the former Development Commissioner which are being examined in this Deptt.

(c) Letters received from M.Ps. and other VIPs are attended to expeditiously and every attempt is made to reply promptly.